

ANONYMOUS

Witness Name:

GRO-B

Statement No.: WITN2151002

Exhibits: WITN2151003-020

Dated: 21st July 2021

**INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

**EXHIBIT WITN2151015**

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31 May 1999

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Dear GRO-B

RE: GRO-B DOB GRO-B '81

I am writing to refer the above named man to you with a view to a possibility of input from the social work traumatic brain injury project. GRO-B has a diagnosis of von Williebrand's disease, a bleeding disorder and he suffered a subarachnoid haemorrhage as a result of a fall aged 2. He was originally referred by his GP to the psychology department at GRO-B for help with interpersonal peer relationships. The referral was directed to GRO-B because there was mention of a mild learning disability, however, on formal testing it appears that GRO-B fell within the below average to borderline range rather than being within the remit of the learning disability service. I understand that he required some special education however GRO-B currently attends GRO-B and is in a second year of a learning extension course but it appears he is not happy to continue. Reports suggest unreliable listening and comprehension skills, poor motor co-ordination and a recent decline in concentration. His place is due for review this summer.

I met initially both with GRO-B and his father to begin some general assessment of needs. At interview GRO-B reported having experienced problems with bullying and clearly expressed a desire for friends without disabilities. He said he would like to eventually have a girlfriend and get married. It appears from his father's account that GRO-B expresses a great deal of anger and frustration and that he is concerned that it is becoming an increasing problem. He appears "not to suffer fools gladly" as it were. GRO-B reported that throughout GRO-B he has spent much of his time in groups with children who have very significant levels of disability and he wonders to what extent he is being exposed to a peer group with whom he can identify. GRO-B expressed the wish for GRO-B to be given some help in managing his anger and frustration to a level where he can be assertive but also make very effective relationships. GRO-B himself was less clear about his goals and for this reason I do not consider it fruitful to attempt to engage him currently in one to one work with a view to managing his anger. Alternatively, I would like to involve him in some social activities with a peer group who perhaps share some of his difficulties but with whom he can fairly easily relate.



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Once this is established it may be helpful to intervene more directly with interpersonal problems as they arise. I have spoken briefly to [GRO-B] regarding this and should this referral be made to her, I will be happy to work closely with her in such a context. I have also discussed the prospect with Mr [GRO-B] who is in agreement. I hope that this is understandable and I have agreed to review the situation with [GRO-B] and his parents in 3 to 4 months time when hopefully he will be involved in some new activities.

I look forward to your response. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

[GRO-B]

Physical Rehabilitation Specialty

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